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SUBJ: VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE ON CUBA

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1. OUR NOTE TO VENEZUELAN FONMIN OF AUGUST 10 (REF A) DWELLS HEAVILY ON THE "JURIDICALLY UNSOUND" POSITION OF THE VENEZUELAN INITIATIVE. VENEZUELAN THEMSELVES STRESSED WHAT THEY REGARDED AS AN UNNECESSARILY RIGID JURIDICAL POSITION ON THE PART OF COSTA RICA, AND PARAGRAPH SIX REF A STATES WE AGREE WITH VIEW OF COSTA RICAN FONMIN "THAT VENEZUELAN FORMULA IS JURIDICALLY UNSOUND." I AM THEREFORE SOMEWHAT MYSTIFIED IN READING PARAGRAPH FOUR REF C IN WHICH COSTA RICAN FONMIN STATES "HE WOULD BE MOST INTERESTED IN OUR COMMENTS ON THE JURIDICAL POSITION."

2. COLOMBIAN FONMIN ARRIVES TODAY FOR A WEEK'S STATE VISIT IN CARACAS, AND I SHALL BE SEEING BOTH HIM AND CALVANI AS WELL AS PEREZ CHIRIBOGA IN SOCIAL EVENTS DURING NEXT TWO DAYS. THEREFORE, IN CASE ANY OF THESE HIGH OFFICIALS SHOULD INQUIRE AS TO BASIS OF OUR STATEMENT THAT VENEZUELAN POSITION IS "BOTH POLITICALLY UNWISE AND JURIDICALLY UNSOUND," AND IF DEPARTMENT DOES HAVE FURTHER COMMENT ON THE JURIDICAL POSITION AS REQUESTED BY THE COSTA RICAN FONMIN, IF WOULD BE HELPFUL TO HAVE THESE COMMENTS AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE. SO FAR AS WE IN EMBASSY CARACAS WERE AWARE, OBVIOUS BASIS OF U.S. VIEW WOULD SEEM TO BE THAT IT IS JURIDICALLY UNSOUND FOR A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE IN OAS TO OVERTURN VOTE UNDER RIO TREATY WHICH REQUIRED A TWO-THIRDS ACCEPTANIBR BY THE OAS MEMBERSHIP.
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